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Agreement Approved for I-10/Cherry Avenue Interchange

SAN BERNARDINO – The Board of Supervisors on Tuesday approved an agreement with the City of Fontana and San Bernardino Associated Governments (Sanbag) to fund preliminary plans and estimates for the I-10/Cherry Avenue interchange improvement project.

The agreement calls for the County to contribute \$3,264,000 toward the cost of the Plans, Specifications, and Estimate (PS&E), which is expected to cost \$5.1 million. Sanbag will cover the remaining \$1,836,000 on behalf of the City of Fontana, which will reimburse the agency later.

“Cherry Avenue is the gateway to the Speedway Redevelopment Area – the County’s most successful redevelopment project to date, but it’s become a major chokepoint for the hundreds of vehicles moving in and out of the project area every day,” Board of Supervisors Chairman Paul Biane said. “The County and the City of Fontana are committed to rebuilding the Cherry Avenue interchange and to making critical improvements that will ensure the viability of the I-10 Commerce Corridor.”

It is estimated that the Cherry Avenue interchange project will cost \$77 million. Construction is expected to begin in the spring of 2011.

The Cherry Avenue interchange was built in 1958 and has had few improvements over the past 50 years. About 50,000 vehicles traverse the interchange daily. The vehicle count is expected to increase by 25,000 over the next 15 years.

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